

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, the pending claims are: claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23 and 33-39. The Final Office Action, dated February 2, 2010, has been carefully considered. Claims 24, 25, 27, 31 and 32 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 3, 9, 11-14, 17, 19-21, 26 and 28-30 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claims 33-38 have been amended to depend from independent claim 15. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above Amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, dated February 2, 2010, the Examiner:

- rejected claims 24, 25, 27 and 31-38 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,573,520 to Schwartz *et al.* (“Schwartz”) in view of Schwartz; and
- allowed claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23 and 39.

INDEPENDENT CLAIM 24

Independent claim 24 and claims 25, 27 and 31-38, which are dependent therefrom, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schwartz in view of Schwartz. Independent claim 24 and dependent claims 25, 27, 31 and 32 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite prosecution of the present application. Dependent claims 33-38 have been amended to depend from allowed independent claim 15. As such, this rejection is believed to be moot. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

Based upon the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23 and 33-39, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due for this submission. If, however, the Commissioner determines otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may now or hereafter be due in this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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